

has been given to Cornelius Vanderbilt, and will be carried, via Nicaragua, at \$7,500 for those from New York, and \$150,000 for those from New Orleans. This route is generally adopted by steamers sailing from the port of New York, and the Postmaster General also recommends the discontinuance of the overland mail from San Antonio to San Diego, as totally unnecessary and unprofitable. The regular overland mail has attempted to render a semi-weekly to a weekly mail, but found that he had no power to do so. He considers the route unnecessary, and maintains that, with but a ratio of one to three, the cost of the overland mail would exceed the steamer's weight in tons, and would require ten coaches instead of one, and cost at the present rate six million dollars per annum.

The Kansas and Stockton mail was a dead failure. But four through mails arrived at Kansas, and about two at Stockton. The Independence and Placerate mails also have received from a weekly to a semi-monthly mail, at a reduction of \$11,500,000.

The main service between Havana and Charlotteville, by the steamship and lighters, has been discontinued, at a loss per annum, and the revenue from it was but \$10,657.65. The mails are taken now from Charleston and Savannah to Fernandina, thence by the Florida railroads to Cedar Key, and from there to New Orleans, and to Havana, at a saving of \$19,942.48 per annum.

The report urges further legislation, to enable the Department to build a new post office at New Orleans, and to open a new route, via Mobile, to New Orleans, but made no proposal for their support. One of these, from St. Paul to Pengo sound, would cost \$600,000 annually, and had not been adopted. During the year, 30,837 mail bags were purchased for 9,937 more than in the previous year. Contracts for four years have been made, for the delivery of bags at higher prices than those of the year before.

On the subject of retrenchment, the report has much to say. The Department has saved, during the year, \$1,26,471, chiefly in the curtailment of the compensation of railroad agents, and in the California service. The railroad deduction has been in Missouri, where there had been an annual loss of \$49,214, and the next in Texas, where the loss had been \$22,783. The report also urges the discontinuance of the Pacific overland service. It opposes an increase of the rates of postage.

The aggregate amount of postage, (sea, inland, and foreign,) on mails received from Europe by the several lines of mail steamers employed by this Department, at \$14,381,551, is to be compared with the aggregate sum of \$14,381,551, for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1859, which will leave an estimated balance in the treasury on the 30th June, 1860, of \$14,381,804.00.

Estimates for the fiscal year July 1, 1860, to June 30, 1861. Balance in the treasury July 1, 1859, as above stated, is \$14,381,804.00.

Estimated receipts from customs from July 1, 1860, to June 30, 1861, are \$6,000,000.00.

Estimated receipts from public funds from July 1, 1860, to June 30, 1861, are \$4,000,000.00.

Estimated receipts from miscellaneous sources from July 1, 1860, to June 30, 1861, are \$2,225,000.00.

Aggregate receipts - \$8,666,804.40

Estimated expenditures from permanent appropriations - \$8,173,582.48

Estimated expenditures from unexpended balances of appropriations - 12,624,452.75

Estimated expenditures from new appropriations estimated for - 46,278,893.45

66,714,926.79

Deducting the aggregate estimated expenditures from the aggregate estimated receipts into the Treasury, during the fiscal year July 1, 1860, to June 30, 1861, as above stated, the estimated balance will remain in the Treasury on the 30th June, 1861, of \$13,891,879.61.

The failure of Congress, at its last session, to pass the bill to give the service of the Post Office Department, under the necessary appropriation for that Department will not be paid during the present fiscal year.

On the first day of July, 1859, the commencement of the fiscal year 1859, the balance in the treasury was - \$6,398,316.10.

The receipts into the treasury during the fiscal year 1859 were \$13,444,520.28

From customs 423,471.84

From miscellaneous sources 959,987.34

From custom houses 405,200.00

Estimated by act of June 14, 1858, 10,000,000.00

25,230,879.46

For the quarter ending December 31, 1858 -

From customs 9,054,228.60

From public lands 402,199.97

From miscellaneous sources 306,200.24

From custom houses 1,122,000.00

10,884,613.81

For the quarter ending March 31, 1859 -

From customs 12,785,252.19

From public lands 493,947.48

From miscellaneous sources 503,193.58

From custom houses 160,000.00

Estimated by act of June 14, 1858, 8,535,000.00

22,475,519.55

For the quarter ending June 30, 1859 -

From customs 14,283,232.31

From public lands 443,237.61

From miscellaneous sources 313,062.17

From custom houses 7,980,200.00

From loan authorities by act of June 14, 1858, 85,000.00

23,191,462.19

The aggregate means, therefore, for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1859, were 88,090,787.11

The expenditures during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1859, were \$1,705,198.51

The quarterly ending Dec. 31, 1859 -

17,956,347.86

For the quarter ending June 30, 1859 -

17,874,779.86

For the quarter ending June 30, 1859 -

26,212,185.34

From loan authorities by act of June 14, 1858, 83,751,511.05

As exhibited in detail in state-

ments of the public service as follows:

Civil, foreign intercourse, and

Service of Interior Department - \$23,635,820.60

(Indiana and Pensions) 4,753,972.60

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For the National Era.

THE OLD AND NEW YEAR.

Night's sombre, my slate is on the earth,
And dines the radiance of the snow-mill;—
The Moon is there, stilling the ancient voice,
To change the world;—the departing year
A few days sleep, and the recurring sun
Gilds those earliest dawns with glowing beams,
White Hope, with temples crowded with falset
And neutral Gladness, dies in with song.

For the National Era:
The Womanshield. By John Neal. Boston: Tinker & Co. For sale by Philip & Solomons, Washington.

